

Teesside wind workers will strike if talks fail



More than 150 Teesside wind workers will strike if last ditch talks fail.

Staff at Seah Wind are set to walk out on Wednesday [15 October] and every Wednesday for five further weeks.

Bosses last night [Wednesday] agreed to talks with conciliatory service Acas on Tuesday [October 14].

GMB has warned if the talks break down, workers will walk out the following day and begin a continuous overtime ban.



Seah staff rejected imposed shift allowances and a 3.1 per cent pay offer that's both below inflation and industry standards.

The company, which builds wind turbine monopiles in Middlesbrough, has received millions of pounds of Government money in subsidies to boost the production of green energy.

Industrial action will inevitably impact upon the vital net zero energy agenda.

Andrew Blunt, GMB Organiser said:

"These talented workers are being asked to work unsociable hours, sacrificing time away from families at weekends and nights ,but without being paid the industry standard rate to do it.

"Although bench marking has been addressed for some roles, it's a pitiful pay deal and it's just not right.

"Seah is meant to be part of the just transition to green energy.

"Terms and conditions need to be retained and protected to future proof these industries – not to deskill and devalue the skills our members have.

"Seah has received hundreds of millions of pounds in taxpayer cash – it can afford to pay workers properly."

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